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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7006**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 324

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 9, 2008

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Penalties imposed by the public access counselor.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Mrvan

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** \_\_\_GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** Pending

**Summary of Legislation:** Establishes an education fund to fund programs to train public officials and educate the public on the rights of the public and the responsibilities of public agencies under the public access laws. Allows the public access counselor to assess civil penalties against a public agency for violating the public records law. Requires any civil penalties collected to be deposited in the education fund.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2008.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *As of the above date, the fiscal analysis of this bill has not been completed. Please contact the Office of Fiscal and Management Analysis for an update of this fiscal impact statement.*

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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